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HOME JACKET AND BLOUSE COSTUME.

The figure on the right shows a Russian blouse toilette of black silk and dotted net. The skirt is in three sections. The waist is a French pique style, with net yoke. The three parts of the skirt are set on like flounces over a taffeta skirt. The figure at the left shows a new jacket with bolero effect, wrought by lace over maize satin. The jacket is heliotrope crepon, with lilac crepe de chine full vest and royal purple velvet ribbon trimming and royal velvet collar and revers.

### THE OPPOSITION.

Movement Organized by Brooklyn Women to Defeat Woman Suffrage.

A movement has been organized among women of Brooklyn to protest against woman suffrage, for reasons explained in an address to the constitutional convention, for which signatures will be sought by wide circulation.

These reasons are summed up in the statement that as the suffrage is a duty rather than a privilege, and as it involves logically the holding of office, it would impose on women a burden which they ought not to be asked to bear, and which they cannot bear without neglecting other duties more important to society.

This is unquestionably a reasonable objection, and without doubt it has been made and still is made by many of the women of the state. Until within a very short time it has been the prevailing feminine sentiment, the women expressing any desire for the suffrage having been only a small number whose long agitation for political equality with men was regarded by the rest with aversion or total indifference. Only since the election of the constitutional convention has the subject received the favorable attention of any considerable body of women who can be said to represent any general and conservative feminine sentiment. Before there was no justification for thinking seriously of the innovation, but now the petitions for the suffrage which will come before the constitutional convention will express the wishes of so great a number of the intelligent women of the state that they will cause the question to be debated in that body with gravity and thoroughness.

Such a protest as that made by those Brooklyn women will also carry great weight, for it is founded on the reasons for which women are debarred from the suffrage in the constitution as it is, and of course the burden of proving that they are unsound and unnecessary rests on the other side. Opposition to the proposed change, therefore, will in the nature of things be more effective than its advocacy, if it comes from women sufficiently numerous to indicate that they express a wide feminine sentiment.

It will be much easier to defeat woman suffrage in the convention than to induce the delegates to vote for an innovation so radical that it amounts to a political revolution. Feminine opposition is accordingly the danger of which the woman suffragists have reason to be most afraid. If they cannot show to the convention that the preponderance of the most representative feminine sentiment is with them, and if they cannot overcome the enmity of women, they will not succeed. If they can present a united front, they will find comparatively little hostility among men.

The suffrage imposes a duty on the citizen. It makes him a partner in the business of the state, and if he fails to exercise it he is false to the trust and the obligation laid on him. There is no question about that. If women say that the weight of their domestic obligations is too great to permit them to carry the additional load of political duties, so that perforce they must neglect the performance of these latter, their protest is based on grounds which are important. It is true that the answer might be made that the suffrage is not conferred for the advantage of the individual citizen, but for the advantage of the state, and that private convenience and even desire must be subordinated to the public interests. If it is for the welfare of the state that the duty of the franchise should be imposed on women, they ought of course to share it with men, but if their aversion to the duty is so far unconquerable that they are not likely to perform it the public good requires that they shall remain disfranchised until they are of a different disposition.

If, then, this Brooklyn movement shall extend and become large, it will be the most serious obstacle to woman suffrage which has yet risen. That innovation and that political revolution

can be prevented only by the opposition of women themselves. If women are willing to undertake and to discharge the duty of voting, they can have it at the hands of men, but if in great numbers they resent its imposition as an unjust hardship men will not compel them to submit to it.—New York Sun.

### Mrs. Aitken's Ordination.

Mrs. Martha C. Aitken was ordained pastor of the Unitarian church at Pembroke, Mass., on April 5. The invocation was offered and Scripture selections read by Rev. Benjamin R. Bulkeley; the sermon was delivered by Rev. S. J. Barrows, who took his text from John iv. "The woman left her watering pot and went into the city, and many believed because of her word." An address of welcome to the ministry was given by Rev. Mary T. Whitney. The ordaining prayer was offered by Rev. D. M. Wilson, and the address to the people, which was especially vivacious and happy, was by Rev. Edward A. Horton.—Woman.

### Mrs. Ballington Booth.

Mrs. Ballington Booth resides at Montclair, N. J. She is the mother of a sturdy little son of 6 years and a baby girl 16 months old. Although she is so much engaged in lecturing and other Salvation Army work, her home is well kept, and her children are healthy and sunny tempered. Mrs. Booth manages to make her trips short, with frequent returns home, where all her time, aside from her office work, is devoted to her children. "We have such good times together," she says.—New York Telegram.

### Blonds and the Butter Color.

I should like to warn the delicate blond against investing herself in the new butter color. It is only suited to brunettes or those blonds whose tints are positive rather than negative. With an olive skin and clear, rich coloring the butter color is exactly what is needed to show the complexion to advantage.—Madge in London Truth.

### THE PROPER CAPER.

A new "Russian craze" is in great use for fichus, guimpes, berthas and full yokes and vests.

Many of the capes and pelerines have shaped stole fronts that generally reach half the length of the dress skirt in front.

Large quantities of light and colored satins are sold in remnant lengths for yoke linings, crush collars, belts and gathered frills laid under those of lace.

The majority of the hats for utility uses are trimmed with moire, satin or shot and dotted faille ribbons, made into albatross bows, thick knots, twisted bandeaux, fan loops and cockade ends.

The short Spanish jacket called the bolero accompanies many of the chic and charming toilets sent over as models for summer gowns. They are very short, not reaching the waist by some inches.

Among the novelties in laces are rich guipure patterns spangled with steel and Venetian devices, alternating with Spanish flower patterns. Spangled lace is used in great profusion on evening toilets.

Round waists will remain in favor all summer, and not a few of the new shapes are cut with a very slight point front and back, the entire lower edge covered with milliners' folds or a crush belt, with collar around the neck to match.

The very latest model for those who seek the very latest modes is the "Joan d'Arc" sleeve, which is in close coat shape, with one very deep circular cap at the top edged with jet, gimp or piping. At the wrists are wide turnback gauntlet cuffs.—New York Post.

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### JINGLES OF THE DAY.

#### "Busy."

When in some stocks you've dabbled deep  
And wake some morning from your sleep,  
Oh, what a dear, delightful thing,  
As on the telephone you ring,  
Your broker up for him to sell,  
To have that girl back at you yell,  
"Busy!"

When from your house you rush forth quick  
And leave your wife at home quite sick,  
And to the nearest station go,  
And ring your doctor up, how slow  
The minutes pass while thus you wait  
Until you hear that sweet girl state,  
"Busy!"

Perchance you've asked some fair, sweet maid  
To go where large hats are displayed  
And find, when at her house remote,  
Those tickets—in another coat,  
You'll "telephone," "I'll take 'a trice,"  
And then that voice cries, cold as ice,  
"Busy!"

You leave for Europe; steamer due  
To sail on Saturday at 2,  
And just before you start you look:  
You've left at home that pocketbook!  
"Great Scott," "Wife knows," "I'll telephone  
Hello! A—there," and then you groan,  
"Busy!"

I knew a fellow who adored  
One of the telephonic board.  
He loved her with a passion strong;  
He loved her much; he loved her long.  
But when to tell his love he tried  
The maid, mechanically replied,  
"Busy."

Fair telephonic girls, beware.  
Some day you'll mount the golden stair.  
Take heed now, ere it be too late,  
Or else when you've knocked at the gate  
And given your name, the Peter'll say:  
"Oh, come around some other day—  
Busy!"

—New York World.

#### On Deck Once More.

Now school is going steady,  
And the boys are neck and neck,  
For they're busy making ready  
For the usual "burning deck."

And now full many a region  
"Sir John Moore's Burial" hears,  
And "the soldier of the legion"  
Is "dying in Algiers."

And as of old the fur flew,  
It will still fly out of sight,  
For we hope to hear that "curfew"  
Shall not ring tonight.

—Detroit Free Press.

#### His Absent Queen.

Tonight,  
Fast in my arms I hold thee,  
Anastasia mine,  
My queen!  
Fast in my very arms!  
And yet,  
If but last night I'd held thee  
Only in my hand—  
How then indeed would you  
Have been to me  
A queen imperious!  
For then,  
Clasping as I did those other queens,  
Those three right royal ladies  
(And had 'em all the time),  
With that king full that Bill Jones held,  
You bet I'd stand  
And whooped it up  
Until the cows came home,  
And, like a cyclone revolving out to hussle things,  
I'd rake the pot.  
That big, that opulent, that fat jackpot,  
And stowed it in my jeans—  
If but last night I'd held thee  
Just in my one weak hand,  
Oh, queen!

—Ed Mott in New York Sun.

#### Tak er Tatak en Wait.

When I's a little feller—  
De littlest un to hum,  
I uster allus have to wait  
Whenever de preacha come.  
"Now y'alls das sot right down on eat,  
Buster Johnson, d'at dees y'ol' plate,  
En Sammy," mam' ad say 't me,  
"Yo' kin tak er tatak en wait."  
En den, when dey us done—  
Hit took 'em pow'ful long—  
Dey staided in wid prayin  
En finished up wid song.  
I felt lak bouncin er gre't big rock  
Offen de preacha's ole bal pate,  
Kase h'd luk at me en say, "Leetle boy  
Had ter tak er tatak en wait."

En when I gits ter be er man  
Wild chilluns iv my own,  
I've gwinter as Preacha Johnson  
"T' come en ca've de bone.  
Den I'll say: "Chilluns, sot up en eat;  
Dis dinna smells fua' rate!  
Bruther Johnson, yo' 'ol' ole!  
Yo' kin tak er tatak en wait!"

—Kansas City Star.

#### A Base Hit.

He was a Princeton sophomore,  
And she his Vassar flame,  
They sat upon the campus green  
And watched a baseball game.  
The soph was all devotion  
And explained the how and why  
Of base hits and the difference  
Between a foul and fly.

The maid was all attention—  
In truth, so deep engrossed  
The fond words that he whispered  
In her shell-like ears were lost.

"Why so pensive?" asked the sophy.  
"Blissful hope! Oh, can it be  
That I am the attraction,  
And her fancy dwells on me!"

"I'm thinking of the time," she sighed,  
"When we, as well as you,  
May wear the new divided skirt  
And run the bases too!"

—New York Sun.

#### Lost.

Smoking a twenty-cent cigar,  
I walked along the street.  
A girl I knew stepped from a car.  
I saw that we must meet

And maybe talk. What could I do?  
How wild it makes me now!  
Away that choicest weed I threw,  
And then—she didn't bow.

—New York World.

#### Then He Felt Different.

"My wife is going away," he said  
And smiled a blissful smile.  
"Now glad I am, for with the boys  
I'll be gay for awhile."

"I'll play upon the table green,  
And every night I'll roam  
Where fairies of the stage are seen—  
And this is not at home."

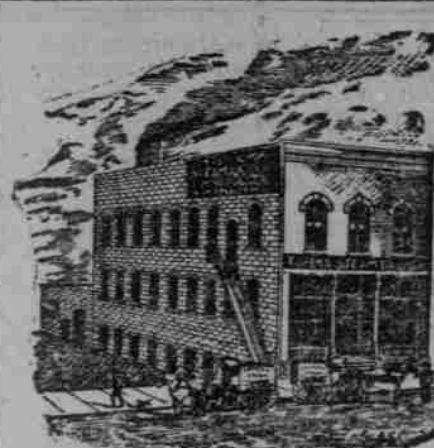
Just then his wife came in and left  
A package small and neat  
And told him that it was for him,  
With smile that was so sweet.

And then his castles in the air  
All went, as fads the rose.  
Unhappy man! She'd given him  
Her bills for summer clothes.

—Cloak Review.

#### Forensic Fire.

"And now, gentlemen of the jury,"  
shouted the young lawyer, running his long  
fingers through his flowing locks, "now,  
gentlemen of the jury, I ask you as men  
and as citizens of this great and glorious  
republic if the spotless character of my  
client is to be permitted to suffer from the  
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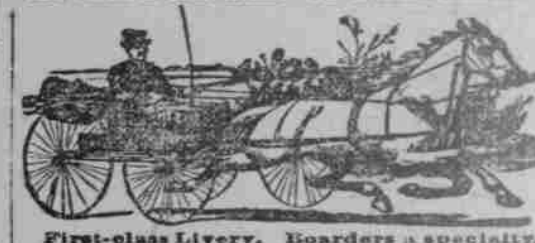
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